

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
JULY 27, 2015
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2015-0530
1113 ROBERT E. LEE ROAD**

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1941 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story, U-plan frame house with asbestos siding; single and paired 1:1 windows with wood screens with a diamond-paned configuration in the upper “sash”. What appears to have been a stone-veneered porch on the house has been enclosed with metal-framed windows; exterior battered stone chimney.

RESEARCH

The house appears to have been built in 1941 for Roy and Margaret Schnautz shortly after their marriage. Roy Schnautz was the manager of a liquor store at the time he and Margaret built this house, but he had been a plumber by trade, and he later went into the contracting business. Roy and Margaret Schnautz lived in this house until around 1946, when they moved to the house next door, which had an address of 1409 Robert E. Lee Road (this house had an early address of 1407 Robert E. Lee Road).

The next owners and occupants were Angus and Beatrice McDonald; the house remained in the McDonald family until 2009. Angus McDonald was an actuary who worked for the State Board of Insurance Commissioners for many years. Beatrice McDonald was active in the PTA and the Baptist Church. Their son, Jeffrey McDonald, was a highly-commended Air Force pilot and distinguished himself in his youth by rescuing two children, on different occasions, from drowning.

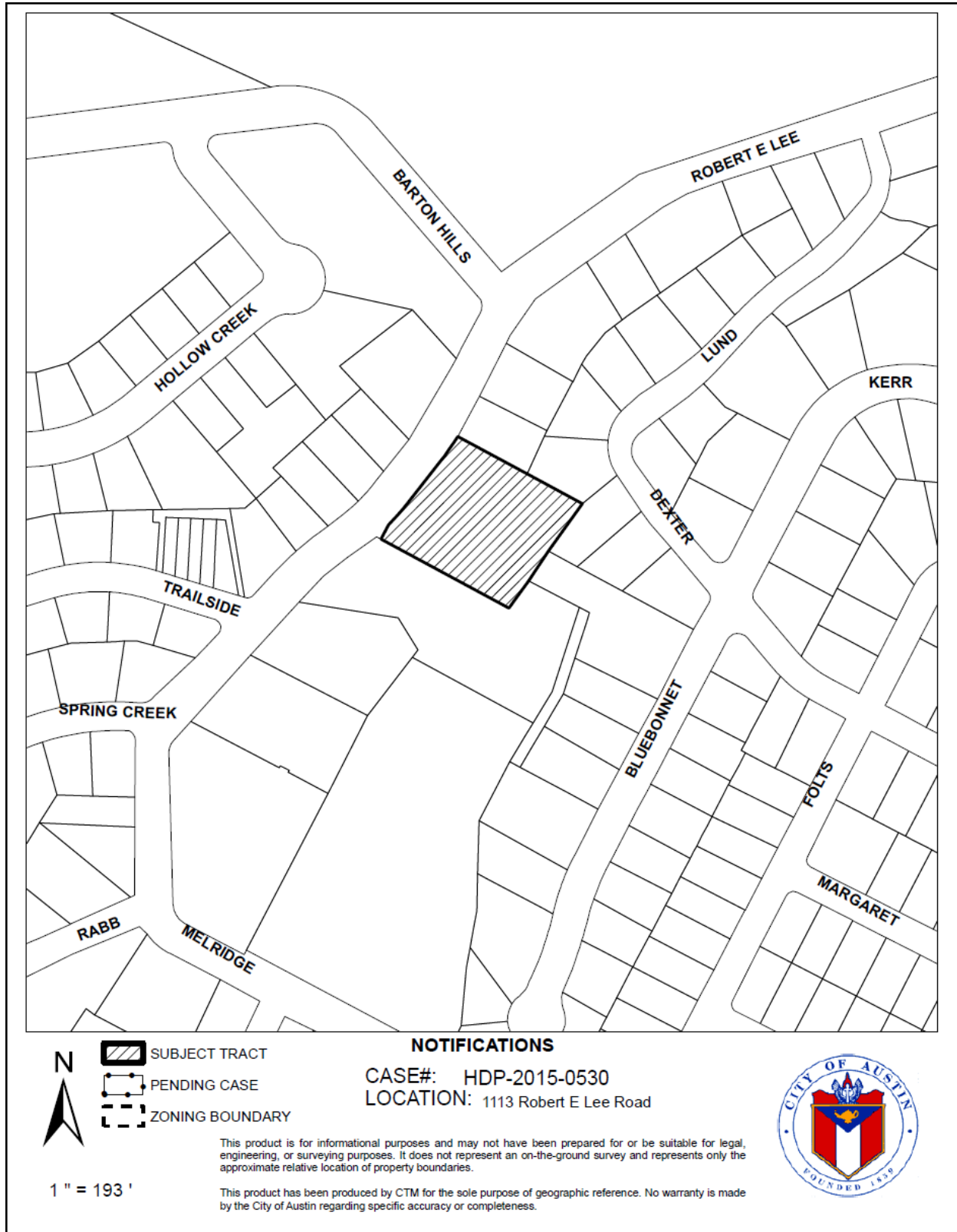
STAFF COMMENTS

The house is not listed in any City survey.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff requests that the applicant consider rehabilitation of this house as part of the larger development proposal on this site. The house does not have the requisite architectural or historical significance to warrant individual designation as a historic landmark, but it does reflect the early architectural character of the Zilker neighborhood. It is also on a very large lot, which is going to be more intensively developed. If the rehabilitation and adaptive re-use of this house is not feasible, then staff recommends relocation over demolition, but release of the permit upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package, consisting of photographs of all elevations, a dimensioned sketch plan, and a narrative history, for archiving at the Austin History Center.

LOCATION MAP



1113 Robert E Lee Road
ca. 1941





OCCUPANCY HISTORY

1113 Robert E Lee Road

City Directory Research, Austin History Center
By City Historic Preservation Office
July, 2015

1992	Beatrice E. McDonald, owner Retired
1985-86	Angus L. and Beatrice E. McDonald, owners Retired
1981	Angus L. and Beatrice E. McDonald, owners Retired
1977	Angus L. and Beatrice E. McDonald, owners Retired
1973	Angus L. and Beatrice E. McDonald, owners Chief Casualty Actuary, State Board of Insurance Commissioners
1968	Angus L. and Beatrice E. McDonald, owners Chief Casualty Actuary, State Board of Insurance Commissioners
1962	Angus L. and Beatrice E. McDonald, owners Chief Casualty Actuary, State Board of Insurance Commissioners
1959	Angus L. and Beatrice E. McDonald, owners

Chief Actuary, State Board of Insurance Commissioners; 3rd, 4th, and 5th floors of International Life Building

- 1955 Angus L. and Beatrice E. McDonald, owners
Casualty actuary
NOTE: The house is listed as 1407 Robert E. Lee Road.
- 1952 Angus L. and Beatrice E. McDonald, owners
Casualty actuary
NOTE: The house is listed as 1407 Robert E. Lee Road.
- 1949 Angus L. and Beatrice E. McDonald, owners
Assistant actuary
NOTE: The house is listed as 1407 Robert E. Lee Road.
- 1947 Angus L. and Beatrice E. McDonald, owners
Director, Auto section, State Board of Insurance Commissioners
NOTE: The house is listed as 1407 Robert E Lee Road.
NOTE: Roy and Margaret Schnautz are listed at 1409 Robert E. Lee Road; he was a contractor with his office at his house.
- 1944-45 Roy L. and Margaret Schnautz, owners
Manager, Swift Place, liquor, 109 E. 7th Street.
NOTE: The house is listed as 1407 Robert E Lee Road, but the alphabetical listing for Roy and Margaret Schnautz shows them at 815 Park Place.
NOTE: Angus L. and Beatrice McDonald are listed at 1604 Alta Vista Avenue; he was the assistant director–actuary for the State Board of Insurance Commissioners.
- 1942 The address is not listed in the directory.
NOTE: Roy L. and Margaret Schnautz are not listed in the directory.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

Roy and Margaret Schnautz (ca. 1943 – ca. 1946)

Roy Schnautz appears in the 1940 U.S. Census as the 32-year old son of William and Sarah Schnautz, who owned their home at 1407 W. 5th Street in Austin. Roy had been born in Texas, was not married, and worked as a plumber. His parents were the owners of a grocery store. The 1930 U.S. Census shows the Schnautz family at 1403 W. 5th Street. Roy was a 21-year old plumber. His father was a laborer.



Roy Lee Schnautz

Roy Lee Schnautz, age 84, a lifetime resident of Austin, died Sunday, July 4, 1993.

He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Alma Schnautz, of Austin; grandchildren, Sarah Elizabeth and William Roy, both of Austin; longtime friend and companion, Faye Spurgeon of Austin; sisters, Ann Schoenert, of Austin, Nora Rundell, of Round Rock and Marybelle McCaleb of Guthrie, Oklahoma.

Funeral services are 2:00 PM, Tuesday, July 6, at Harrell Funeral Home with Pastor John B. McCullough, Jr. officiating. Burial in Memorial Hill Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Mike Gruver, Tim Goebler, Sidney Cox, Tommy Carlson, Larry Jackson and Terry Gilmore. Honorary pallbearer will be Reverend A.D. Eberhart.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Oak Hill Optimist Club.

Arrangements by Harrell Funeral Home in Austin, 443-1366.

Obituary of Roy Schnautz
Austin American-Statesman, July 6, 1993

Angus and Beatrice McDonald (ca. 1946 – ca. 2009)

The 1940 U.S. Census shows Angus and Beatrice McDonald renting a duplex at 605 Park Boulevard in Austin. Angus McDonald was 30, had been born in Texas, and was the chief rater for the State Insurance Commission. Beatrice McDonald was 27, had been born in Texas, and had no occupation listed. They had 2 children: Lamont, 4, who had been born in Oklahoma; and James, 2, who had been born in Texas. The family had lived in Port Arthur, Texas in 1935. Beatrice McDonald was active in the PTA and dedicated to religious life; she was the first female deacon in Texas at the University Baptist Church. The McDonalds' son Jeffrey, who spent his childhood at 1113 Robert E. Lee, was a distinguished airman and lifeguard.

Angus Lamont McDonald

Angus Lamont McDonald, 73, of Austin, died in a Kerville hospital Tuesday,

April 12, 1983.

Survivors: wife, Beatrice McDonald, Austin; sons, James David and Lamont Angus, both of Austin, Jeffery Neal of Germany, sister, Flora Fant of Port Arthur; eight grandchildren.

Mr. McDonald served for many years on the Texas Insurance Commission as actuary.

Memorial services will be Saturday at 2:00 PM, University Baptist Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the University Baptist Church.

Obituary of Angus L. McDonald
Austin American-Statesman, April 5, 1983

BEATRICE E. MCDONALD

Obituary | Condolences

Beatrice E. McDonald Beatrice E. McDonald, 94 of Austin, passed away on January 13, 2007. Bea was preceded in death by her husband, Angus L. McDonald, and her three sons Lamont A. McDonald, Jeffrey N. McDonald, and James D. McDonald. She is survived by her grandson, James Dowd McDonald and his wife Cristine; her granddaughters, Jessica J. McDonald, Melinda Evans and her husband Robb, Donna McDonald and Lee Ann Scarnato. She had two daughters-in-law, Nancy Gorny and Paula McDonald. Her great-grandchildren include Canyon, Mason, Dylan, Ashley Lynn, Alyson Nichol, Zachary, Emma, Dallas, Christopher and Daniel. Beatrice was a long time member of the University Baptist Church where she served as the first female Deacon in Texas, Secretary, and active in many other areas of the church. She also held offices in the Church Women United organization and state level offices in the PTA. She dedicated her life to her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She left behind trails of kindness and happiness to the people she touched. She loved to play bridge, was an avid reader, and loved to sew for her children and grandchildren. She talked straight and was a woman who held firm to her belief in God. A memorial service will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 17, 2007, at Westoak Woods Baptist Church located at 2900 Slaughter Lane. In lieu of flowers please make memorial contributions in her name to the University Baptist Church.

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NATIONAL LEADER HONORED — Mrs. James C. Parker, left, of Grand Rapids, Mich., president of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers, and members of the national executive committee were honored at a luncheon Tuesday by the Texas Congress of Parents and Teachers. State

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officials with Mrs. Parker are Mrs. Angus McDonald, center, district president of the P-TA of Austin, and Mrs. W. D. deGrassi, state president from Amarillo. The board of managers of the Texas Congress is holding its annual meeting here Wednesday.

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News article and photo showing Beatrice McDonald as the district president of the PTA of Austin

Austin Statesman, Feb 4, 1959

Mrs. McDonald Named to Office

Mrs. Angus McDonald was elected president of the seventh district of the Texas Congress of Parents and Teachers at the district convention held last week in Fredericksburg.

Mrs. McDonald is ending her second term as president of the Austin Council of P-TAs. She is a past president of Becker and Zilker units, and a member of T. N. Porter Junior High P-TA.

At the conference Mrs. Edwin Alley of Austin was elected corresponding secretary of the district. She is a past president of Mathews P-TA and a member of O. Henry Junior High P-TA.

News article on the election of Beatrice McDonald as president of the 7th district of the Texas Congress of Parents and Teachers
 Austin Statesman, April 22, 1958

SILVER WINGS

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SILVER WINGS — Capt. Jeffrey N. McDonald, son of Mr. and Mrs. Angus McDonald of 1113 Robert E. Leo Road, has been awarded his silver wings at Webb AFB upon graduation with honors from pilot training. He also received the Air Training Command Commander's Trophy. He is being assigned to MacDill AFB, Calif.

Article on the commendation for Jeffrey N. McDonald, son of Angus and Beatrice McDonald
Austin Statesman, November 12, 1972



AMERICAN STATESMAN/TOM LANKA
LORIE ANN ZIEGER, JEFF McDONALD ARE SPECIAL FRIENDS NOW
 Lifeguard saved tot's life after she was pulled 'dead' from Barton Springs.

Trio Saves Little Girl

By CAROL McMURTRY

Quick-thinking action by a 12-year-old girl, an airman from Bergstrom and a Barton Springs lifeguard were credited Monday with saving the life of young Lorie Ann Zieger, whose near drowning Sunday almost turned a family reunion into a tragedy.

"Full credit must go to our lifeguard, Jeff McDonald," Tom Wilson, manager of Barton's, told The Austin Statesman.

"Jeff did a wonderful job giving her mouth-to-mouth breathing until the fire department arrived with the resuscitator. The little girl was blue when she was taken out of the pool," Wilson said.

Little Lorie Ann Zieger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Zieger of 1714 Karen Avenue, wandered away from a family reunion being held at the club hut, and managed to climb over the dam, according to Wilson.

No one saw the child go into the pool, but she was not under the water for "more than three minutes," Wilson said.

The child was first noticed in about six feet of water by a 12-year-old girl who gave first alarm. The youngster disappeared before officials could get her name.

A Bergstrom airman, Victor H. Houle was near the spot and dived fully dressed into the water to pull little Lorie Ann out, handing her to lifeguard McDonald.

An eyewitness to the near tragedy, Walter Fleet, who was also attending the family reunion, had high praise for McDonald and another lifeguard, Mark Rosenfield, who assisted with the mouth-to-mouth breathing.

"Those boys worked like real professionals," Fleet said.

"The child looked as dead as she could be, but they kept right on working. They had her breathing and crying by the time the fire department arrived."

Lorie Ann is the youngest of four Zieger children and is reported to be in good condition at Brackenridge Hospital. The Ziegers have three other children, two boys and another girl.

McDonald, son of Mr. and Mrs. Angus McDonald of 1113 Robert E. Lee Road, just received a certificate of merit on June 8 for saving the life of a four-year-old boy a year ago at Northwest Pool.

The 20-year-old lifeguard gave mouth-to-mouth breathing in the near drowning of young Leonard Strickler.

McDonald, the youngest of three brothers, who were also lifeguards at Bartons, attends Tyler Junior College.

Article commending Jeff McDonald, son of Angus and Beatrice McDonald, for the rescue of 2 children

Austin Statesman, June 15, 1964